

1 LEGEND: Q. DETECTIVE GUSTAFSON A. BRYCE TIERNEY
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3 Q. Okay, Bryce, can you hear me?

4 A. Yeah. I can hear you.

5 Q. Okay. Um, basically, I, I, and I just go some information to call you and that you may
6 have some information about what happened today.

7 A. Okay. Um, yeah, all I know is, is that I, I knew Jared. I know the shooter.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. I've known him, uh, he was a friend of mine for over four years, just, um, we were
10 friends in high school and out of high school. Um, I just, I dropped out of contact with
11 him, like, maybe a little under a year ago.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. And after, around, like, February or March or something around there, like, of 2010. Um,
14 until last night, or actually really, really early this morning, it was like two in the
15 morning. I was, uh, I was, like, getting ready to go to bed and I get a call from a
16 restricted number. And so I, I didn't answer it. And I let it go to voice mail and, uh,
17 when I checked the voice mail, it was Jared. And, you know, all, it was, like, it's like a
18 15 second voice mail. It, he just was, like, uh, it's, he was, uh, he just said, hey this is
19 Jared. Um, we had some good times together. Uh, yeah, see you later. And that's it.
20 And it sounded like to me, like, I became concerned because it sounded to me like it was,
21 like, suicidal or something, you know?

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. And it con-, it concerned me and I couldn't call him back 'cause it was from a restricted
24 number so I didn't know what number it was.

25 Q. Right.

26 A. _____.

27 Q. Uh, you knew it was him?

28 A. Say what?

29 Q. Did, did he say, he, he said it was Jared, right?

30 A. Yeah. He said it was Jared. I have the message.

31 Q. Okay.

32 A. You know, if, if you need to hear it or something.

33 Q. Yeah. What I'd ask you to do is just, just save it for now. Um, obviously we have a lot
34 goin' on right now that we need to deal with. Um, but if you can save it on your phone,
35 I'll be in touch, uh, to let you know, you know, if we can come out and get a recording of
36 it if we need it or whatever, okay?

37 A. Okay.

- 1 Q. Um, do, what ca-, what else can you tell me about Jared? What's his last name?
2 A. Loughner.
- 3 Q. Loughner?
4 A. L-O-U-G-H-N-E-R.
- 5 Q. Okay. And you say you knew him in high school?
6 A. Yeah. I knew him in high school. And probably, maybe I've known him since, like,
7 middle school, too, 'cause I mean, we went to Tortolita together. We went to Mountain
8 View together. And, uh, we still hung out after high school, like, up until, like, up until
9 February, March of 2010. And, um, we just, like, we just dropped out of contact. He
10 dropped out of contact with all my other friends, too, and he was just sort of getting, like
11 a little, like, weird, like, in a dark way.
- 12 Q. Okay.
13 A. Sort of.
- 14 Q. Yeah. What do you mean by that?
15 A. Um, I mean just like, suddenly, uh, I, I mean, we, we just get like, re-, really, it's, it's just
16 really, got really, really weird. Like, he, he was sort of an eccentric kid, like, like, to
17 begin with.
- 18 Q. Mm hm (yes).
19 A. Um, really smart kid. But I mean, like, around, around that time when we still had
20 contact, like, it was just really weird. Like, we'd get, like, for the, like, everyone of my
21 friends, like, we, uh, get like sort of strange text messages, like, just like really weird shit,
22 like, I don't know how to describe it. Like all I can describe it, like, n-, sort of like
23 nihilistic, sort of, you know, like nihilism. You know what that is?
- 24 Q. Not really, no.
25 A. It's sort of like the belief in nothing.
- 26 Q. Okay.
27 A. You know? You know? It's like, I don't know. It's, it sort of doesn't make any sense
28 whatsoever because you, it, it just doesn't make sense. You're sort of like chasing your
29 own tail.
- 30 Q. Mm hm (yes).
31 A. But, uh, yeah, it was just getting really weird and um, I don't know, like I can't really tell
32 you. I have no idea what he's been doin'. I have no idea. Like, no clue.
- 33 Q. Do you have any idea who he's associating with right now or anything like that? Like
34 who he hangs out with?
35 A. No clue.
- 36 Q. No clue? Okay.
37 A. I mean I couldn't tell you because I have not seen him for well over six months. You
38 know, almost a year.

1 Q. Yeah.

2 A. I, I mean, I.

3 Q. When was the last time you actually talked to him or saw him?

4 A. It's hard to, I mean, I.

5 Q. I mean, you say like March of 2010, so, uh, and is it around that same...

6 A. _____.

7 Q. ...time or?

8 A. Around February or March of 2010. I mean, the last time I remember seein' him was, I
9 was with my friend, Zane and Claudio. It, it's, I was, I was at my friend Zane's house
10 and we were just sitting and, um, he was there. And, and I remember that's when we
11 were, like, wow, dude, you're just being, like really weird. And I, and you know, he, he
12 would never, like, call me or anything. He would just like send, like, those weird text
13 messages. And like, I never answered 'em. So, like, I stopped hearing from him
14 completely.

15 Q. Okay. And so you, you haven't, basically, had any contact with him since, you know,
16 almost a year ago, basically?

17 A. No, like, yeah. I'm, I mean, not direct contact, um.

18 Q. No.

19 A. Um, I think, I, I think that he's, they're tryin' to like contact me through text message
20 still, like, by someone else's name, like, through some number that I don't know 'cause,
21 like, like, 'cause I would keep getting text messages from, from people, from someone. It
22 was the same number and, um, it was just someone that called themselves, like, Juan.
23 And, like, I don't know anyone named Juan.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. You know? And I mean, sometimes Jared would like, I remember Jared sometimes
26 would, like, call from like a weird number and, like, pretend he was someone else.

27 Q. Mm hm (yes).

28 A. Sometime, like, so like, I never answered those text messages that were from Juan or
29 whatever.

30 Q. Right.

31 A. Um, but, and I was, like, _____, you know, I wonder who it could be? You know?
32 'Cause the only person I know that does that is Jared.

33 Q. Okay.

34 A. So, but, but no, I have had no direct contact with him.

35 Q. Do you have any other information you think that may be related to what happened today
36 at all?

37 A. Um, I mean, like what?

- 1 Q. Well, I mean, anything. You, you know, I mean, you know your situation, I don't. So
2 I'm just throwin' a general question out there of, of anything you can think of that you
3 think might, you know, be related to today's, uh, you know, what's goin' on today.
- 4 A. Um, I mean, I, I don't think, like, what, what he did, I, it surprises me that, that it's, like,
5 children. And there's like a little kid dead.
- 6 Q. Mm hm (yes).
- 7 A. Um, but it doesn't surprise me that he shot Gabrielle Giffords, like, at all. I don't think
8 he liked Gabrielle Giffords, like. No.
- 9 Q. What makes you say that?
- 10 A. Because, uh, when, when he would, when he was going to Pima, uh, Pima Community
11 College, like, Gabrielle Giffords did some sort of speech or something for his class or,
12 like, she was, like, visiting, and he was able to ask Gabrielle Giffords a question, right?
13 Um, and he straight up asked her, like, what is government and stuff? And she couldn't
14 give him the answer. And I don't know. I, I feel like he had, he had sort of something
15 against Gabrielle Giffords...
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. ...but I don't know. I, I'm not.
- 18 Q. I mean, did he ever say anything to you about that or, I mean, his feelings about her or
19 anything like that?
- 20 A. No. He was never, he never, like, expressed, like hatred or anything. But he just thought,
21 like, she was sort of, like, fake.
- 22 Q. Okay. And before I forget, let me, um, let me make sure I have your name spelled right,
23 okay? Is it B-R-Y-C-E?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And how do you spell your last name?
- 26 A. T-I-E-R-N-E-Y.
- 27 Q. Okay. And, uh, what's your birthday?
- 28 A. [REDACTED].
- 29 Q. And where do you live?
- 30 A. I l-, I live at my parents' house. It's [REDACTED].
- 31 Q. Where is that at?
- 32 A. It's on the north side. It's, like, Camino de Oeste.
- 33 Q. Okay. And, uh, so you said you, you have this, uh, well, this phone number is the best
34 way to get a hold of you, is that right?
- 35 A. Um, yeah, right now it is.

- 1 Q. Okay. And, uh, I mean, is there anything else you can tell me? Um, I mean, obviously,
2 you haven't had contact with him for almost a year but, um, I mean, anything else you
3 think I need to know or anything that could help us out?
4 A. Um, I, I, I don't, I, I _____. Anything, like specific, like?
- 5 Q. Well, I mean anything you can offer, again, that you think, you know, maybe somethin'
6 that can, you know, lead us in a direction or anything else that may help us out with an
7 investigation as to why this happened?
8 A. I don't, I don't think, off the top of my head, I, I don't think so.
- 9 Q. Okay. Do you have somethin' to write a phone number down with?
10 A. Say, say what?
- 11 Q. I said do you have somethin' to write my phone number down with or do you have my
12 phone number there?
13 A. Sure. I'll write your phone number down.
- 14 Q. Yeah. The phone number that's on your phone, that's my cell phone but I can give, also
15 give you my office phone.
16 A. Okay. _____.
- 17 Q. Uh, 351-6913.
18 A. 6913.
- 19 Q. Yeah. That goes straight to my desk so, um, um, basically what I'll ask you...
20 A. _____.
- 21 Q. ...to do at this point is just, uh, keep that message, okay? Um.
22 A. Okay.
- 23 Q. Let me, let me figure out, you know, some things and if, if the, uh, the investigators who
24 are in charge of the investigation actually want that to be saved or whatever, we'll make
25 arrangements to come out and get a copy of it or something from your phone, okay?
26 A. Okay. I have a question for you.
- 27 Q. Sure.
28 A. Uh, I have a couple. What was your name again?
- 29 Q. Uh, last name is Gustafson. G-U-S-T-A-F, like Frank, then S-O-N.
30 A. Okay.
- 31 Q. And my badge number is 1125 in case you need that.
32 A. Okay. Um, I have a question, um, I was, like, contacted by media before, before you
33 guys contacted me, like, um, I, I don't know what I should do. Like, what should I do?
- 34 Q. Well. I...
35 A. _____.

1 Q. ...I, I, I can't give you advice on that. I mean, we would like, obviously, information to,
2 you know, not to compromise our investigation if there's something you think is relevant
3 to our case, um, you know, we don't want that stuff to get out there if it's gonna
4 compromise somethin' that we're doin', so. Uh, I mean, I would prefer that you don't
5 talk to the press but, you know, I can't, you know, instruct you not to do that, so.

6 A. Okay. Okay. Yeah. I just, um, yeah. I was just wondering.

7 Q. You got my _____.

8 A. Because I was, like, contacted by NBC.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. You know, before, like I called the police. Like, I was waiting for the police to call me
11 back and NBC calls me first and, uh, was askin' me, like, questions.

12 Q. Yeah, well, until we, we're able to do somethin' with, uh, you know, that message and
13 thing, please, you know, don't release that to the media or anything like that, okay?

14 A. Okay.

15 Q. Um, that's what I would ask you to do at that this point 'cause, um, obviously we have a
16 lot to do right now. Um, and, uh, you know, if we can come out there, are, are you gonna
17 be home tonight or?

18 A. Um, sh-, I might, I think was gonna go skateboard a little.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. But I should be home later.

21 Q. All right. Um, well, you, you'll have your phone with you, right?

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. Okay. Well, I'll give you a call, um, hopefully in a little bit. Let me go, uh, talk to some
24 of my supervisors and see what they wanna do this and, uh, I'll give you call back.

25 A. Okay.

26 Q. Okay. Thank you, man.

27 A. All right. Bye.

28 Q. Bye.

29 (LINE DISCONNECTS)

30 Q. THE PRECEDING WAS A PHONE CONTACT WITH BRYCE, B-R-Y-C-E,
31 TIERNEY, T-I-E-R-N-E-Y, AS GIVEN TO DETECTIVE GUSTAFSON OF THE
32 PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. TODAY IS 01/08/11. THE TIME IS
33 NOW 1800 HOURS. THIS IS IN REFERENCE TO CASE NUMBER 100108078.

34 WITNESS:

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